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~~SECRET~~ SAVIN CRITIC FOLLOW-UP TWO AND FINA USA-32 CRITIC 11-68, DTF, 23/1057Z NOV 68 SONGZIRD ON 23 NOVEMZER, ONE OF A FLIGHT OF TWO F-4'S (AN RF-4C) WAS SHOT DOWN IN THE VICINITY OF 17-30N 106-30E, AIRRIFIMATELY FIVE NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF DONG HOI, BY NVN ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY FIRE. BETWEEN 1239Z AND 1243Z, VNVN SAM ASSOCIATED COMM-UNICATIONS FACILITIES REPORTED AN F-4 HAD BEEN SHOT DOWN AND AN AIRCREWMAN AD BEEN CAPTURED ALIVE. AIR SURVIELLANCE REFLECTIONS BEGAN AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTDOWN AND REFLECTED TRACKING OF THE SAR EFFORT BY THE SURVIVING F4D FROM 0617Z TO 0647W. COMMENTS, NO SIGINT REFLECTIONS WERE NOTED AS TO STATUS OF THE OTHER AIRCREWMAN. COLLATERAL INFORMATION INDICATES THE ACFT WENT DOWN AT APPROXIMATELY 0617Z 300 NNNNN

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